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September 14, 1989

Ms. Lisa Greene
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region IX (T-4-1)
215 Fremont Street
San Francisco CA 94105

Re: Environmental Inquiry Regarding Office Facility at 3630 San Fernando Road, Glendale, California

Dear Ms. Greene:

Mr. John Bosch, President of the Sheffield Measurement Division of The Warner & Swasey Company, asked me to research and respond to your Agency's recent letter to him regarding the captioned matter. We are slightly overdue with this reply since we have experienced some difficulty in gathering information responsive to your inquiry.

From the information we have developed to this date, we believe that the subject facility was leased by the Automation & Measurement Division (under that or another name) of Bendix Corporation from about November 1957 through April 1984. The closing of this office coincided with the sale that month by Bendix Corporation of its Automation & Measurement Division, and several other businesses, which then were reorganized as divisions of The Warner & Swasey Company. At that point the Automation & Measurement Division's name was changed to Sheffield Measurement Division.

From an operating standpoint, we have been unable to determine the nature of the activities conducted at the Glendale office during the period from 1957 to 1981. We do know, however, that during 1981 the Automation & Measurement Division did engage in



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some manual production gage work and also during that year started a re-manufacturing operation in connection with its Cordax measurement machines. In December of 1982, the Glendale facility was vacated as the result of a decision to move both the gaging and re-manufacturing operations to another facility in Burbank, California. We believe the ten or so employees at the Glendale office also were transferred to Burbank. Burbank office then was closed in July of 1983. The gaging operation was moved to a facility in Brea, California, and the Cordax re-manufacturing business was returned to Dayton, Ohio. None of the employees at Burbank was relocated to Dayton. Several employees were relocated to Brea for a short period. In 1986, the equipment used in the gaging operation at Brea was sold, and we believe several Sheffield employees, whose employment was terminated with the sale, may have been hired by the buyer.

While we have identified certain of the employees who worked at the Glendale facility, we do not at this time have information concerning their current addresses. We will continue to investigate this aspect of your inquiry and will report periodically as information is developed.

Yours truly,

Robert E. Vail

Director, Legal Affairs

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